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Invention: Method of Manipulating a
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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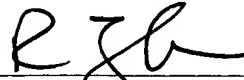
Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including January 6, 2005. A fee in the amount of \$510.00 for a three-month extension of time is included. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 068820.0102) of Baker Botts L.L.P. for any additional charges necessary for the filing of this response.

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